



## **Miami-Dade Parks September 2006 Calendar of Events**

### **Friday, 1**

#### **Miami FC Men's Pro Soccer**

4 p.m. Adults tickets starting at \$10; children starting at \$6. Miami FC vs. Minnesota Thunder. Come support the new and only professional men's soccer team in South Florida. More information at [www.miamifc.com](http://www.miamifc.com) or 1-866-57-MIAMI. Tropical Park Stadium, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami

#### **Sea Turtle Awareness Program**

7:30-9:30 p.m. \$5. Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Journey into the world of sea turtles as you help save these creatures by participating in a lecture presentation and sea turtle release during the height of the hatching season. Call 305-361-6767, ext. 112 for reservations. Meet at the parking lot #1, North Beach entrance at Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

#### **Larry and Penny Thompson Beach and Waterslides**

10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Weekends. \$3 adults; \$2 children. Waterslide and swimming: \$4 adults; \$3 children. Open thru Labor Day. Children must be accompanied by an adult and 48 inches tall to ride the waterslides. Larry and Penny Thompson Park, 12451 SW 184 St., Miami, 305-232-1049

#### **Friday Family Nights**

7:30-9 p.m. \$5. A hands-on program with park naturalist covering topics such as critters, bugs, animal feeding times and an after dark walk on the nature trail. Call 305-255-4767 to register. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

#### **Greynolds Park Owl Prowl**

7:30 p.m. \$5. Enter the darkness of Greynolds Park after sunset for a unique view of the many owls and other creatures that roam when the lights go out. Call 305-948-2891 for reservations. Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach

#### **Mountain Bike Trails**

Sunrise-Sunset. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturdays and Sundays. Mountain bike trails for beginners, intermediate and advanced riders. Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305-685-8389

#### **Shooter Clinic**

7-8 p.m. Fridays. Free clinic, charge for shotgun rental, trap rounds, shells, ear and eye protection. Ages 18 and older. Learn the sport of Trap shooting, including shotgun safety, game rules, field etiquette, and shooting techniques. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-226-1823

#### **Deering Historic Tours**

10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. \$7 adults; \$5 children. Daily. Tour the historic 1922 Stone House, the 1896-1900 Richmond Cottage and the 444-acre environmental preserve featuring archaeological sites and rare native flora and fauna. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668

#### **Dog Park**

Sunrise-Sunset. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The park offers five acres of enclosed green space with walking trails and water fountains for dogs. Dog Park at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305-685-8389

**Farm Village**

9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free. Monday-Friday. \$4 parking per vehicle on Saturday and Sunday. The farm village offers petting zoo daily and pony rides on Saturday and Sunday for children weighing 70 lbs. and less. Pony rides are \$2. Bill Graham Farm Village at Amelia Earhart Park, 401 East 65 St., Hialeah, 305-685-8389

**Amusement Center**

10 a.m.-5 p.m. Daily. Ride a colorful carousel and bike or roller-blade through miles of trails. Carousel operates weekends and holidays only. Three rides for \$1. Crandon Park, 4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305-361-5421

**Skyward Kites**

10 a.m.-Sunset. Daily. Add the joy of kite flying to your day at the beach. Kites on sale starting at \$5 and staff will help with assembly and give instructions on how to be a master kite flyer. Haulover Beach Park, 10800 Collins Ave., Miami Beach, 305-893-0906

**Crandon Heritage Tram Tours**

Available upon request only. \$2 adults; \$1 children. Enjoy a tram ride through Crandon Park and the Bear Cut Preserve. Learn about the island of Key Biscayne and its fascinating history. From the Tequesta Indians to the pirates and pioneers, it's been an amazing journey. Tram rides also available upon request for birthday parties, corporate events and other special events. Reservations are required. Please call the Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center at 305-361-6767, ext. 112.

**Saturday, 2****Historic Coral Gables Waterway Canoe Tour**

9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 children ages 7-14. Also, September 30. Explore and observe a variety of wading birds and other wildlife on this excursion through the historic Coral Gables Waterway. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet the A.D. Barnes Sense of Wonder Nature Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

**Geology Hike**

3 p.m. \$7 adults; \$5 children. Have a "*rocking*" good time with Park Naturalists as they step back in time and explore the Deering Estate's ancient geological formations. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

**Camp Greynolds Campfire Program**

5-9 p.m. \$15. Begin the evening with a hike learning about medicinal and edible plants. Then take a canoe trip on the Oleta River to the campgrounds for storytelling, craft making and marshmallow roasting around the campfire. Call 305-948-2891 for reservations. Meet at the Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach.

**WHAF Horse Show**

8 a.m.-9 p.m. Free. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305-554-7334

**Canoe, Kayak and Paddle Boat Rentals**

11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Canoes and kayaks for adults are \$4.50 per half hour and \$3 for children. Paddleboats are \$6 per half hour. The Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach, 305-948-2891

**Land and Sea Adventure**

12-2:30 p.m. \$40; \$32 for Miami-Dade residents. Saturdays and Sundays. Learn about the island of Key Biscayne and enjoy a tram ride through the Bear Cut Preserve, then snorkel around 2,000

year old fossilized reef in search of sea stars, urchins, and nurse sharks. Call 305-365-3018 for more information. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne.

#### **Wheelchair Tennis Program**

9-11 a.m. Free. Saturdays. Ages 12 and older. All skill levels. Call 305-755-7848 (v/tdd) for more information. Big Five Tennis Club, 9299 SW 7 Terr., Miami

#### **Firearm Safety**

9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$5 adults; children free. Saturdays and Sundays. Learn the fundamentals of firearm safety, range rules and regulations. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-226-1823

#### **Arch Creek Nature Walks**

10-11:30 a.m. \$3. Saturdays. Join us on this naturalist-guided tour through a native tropical hardwood hammock where the prehistoric Tequesta Indians thrived for hundreds of years living off the land. Call 305-948-2891, one day in advance, for reservations. Meet at Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami.

#### **Saturdays in the Park with Commissioner Sen. Javier Souto**

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturdays. District 10 residents are invited to spend Saturday mornings with Commissioner Souto discussing concerns and issues. Call 305-375-4835 for locations.

#### **NRA First Steps Course**

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$49.94. Saturdays. Ages 21 and older. This course consists of fundamental basic pistol instruction and safety and meets state requirements for the concealed weapons permit. Trail Glades Range, 17601 SW 8 St., Miami, 305-226-1823

#### **Kayak Rentals**

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. 2 Person Kayaks: \$15 per hour. Snorkel rental daily for \$7. Rentals at North Beach Kayak Aquatic Concession, southeast of Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, 305-365-3018.

#### **Crandon Kayak & Snorkel Adventure**

9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. \$50; \$42 for Miami-Dade residents. Saturdays and Sundays. Explore the colorful tropical fish, spotted eagle rays, cushion stars, herons and other animals that share the fragile and unique sanctuary of the Fossilized Reef. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

#### **Evening Sky Viewings**

8-11 p.m. Free. Saturdays. Look and learn with the Southern Astronomical Society and view the night sky through high-tech telescopes. Call 305-661-1375 for more information. Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami

#### **Tai Chi Classes**

10:30 a.m. \$60 six-week session, 8/1-9/5. Saturdays. Call 305-235-1668, ext. 233 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

#### **Sunday, 3**

#### **Chicken Key Canoe Tour**

8-11 a.m. \$25 adults; \$15 ages 9-14. Sundays. Canoeists will experience the beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island, a seven-acre bird rookery. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 243

#### **Matheson Hammock Bayshore Wading Tour**

2-3 p.m. \$5. Also, September 17. Explore the bayshore of Biscayne Bay with a park naturalist, observe and discover the plant and animal species that have adapted and survived this critical habitat. Call 305-662-4124 for reservations. Meet the park naturalist guide at Redfish Grill in Matheson Hammock Park, 9610 Old Cutler Rd., Miami.

#### **Guided Historical Nature Walk**

2-4 p.m. \$3 per person; \$4 per vehicle entrance fee. Sundays. See animals in their natural surroundings and learn about plant life that might not be seen on a paved trail. Call 305-945-3425 for reservations. Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach

#### **Pelican Harbor Kayak Trip**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$35. Break away from it all by kayaking in the shallows around a series of small islands in North Biscayne Bay that provide viable habitats for coastal birds and marine life. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at Pelican Harbor Marina, 1275 NE 79 St., Miami Beach.

### **Tuesday, 5**

#### **Yoga Classes**

6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Also, Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. \$60 six-week session. Yoga taught by Marlene Shulman. Call 305-235-1668, ext. 233 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami

### **Thursday, 7**

#### **Deering Estate Moonlight Canoe Tour**

7-11 p.m. \$35. Ages 18 and older. Canoeists will enjoy the moonlit beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242

### **Saturday, 9**

#### **Historic Oleta River Canoe Trip**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25 adults; \$15 children ages 7-14. Also, September 23. Catch a view of many wading birds and mammals in their natural habitats and visit an undisturbed Tequesta Indian midden. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at East Greynolds Park, NE 167 St. and Biscayne Blvd., N. Miami Beach.

#### **Reading in the Park**

10 a.m.-12 p.m. Free for all boys and girls up to fifth grade. Read with your children their favorite books and enjoy a day of storytelling, puppetry, and more fun activities hosted by the Girl Scouts. Call 305-253-4841, ext. 245 for more information or visit [www.girlscoutsfl.org](http://www.girlscoutsfl.org). The Women's Park, 10251 West Flagler Street, Miami

#### **Heritage Horse Show**

8 a.m.-7 p.m. Free. Thru Sunday. Tropical Park Equestrian Center, 7900 SW 40 St., Miami, 305-554-7334

#### **Back Country Fishing Workshop**

9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$15. The workshop will help sharpen your skills when fishing the shallow backcountry waters of south Florida for such popular fish as snook, redfish, tarpon, and sea trout. Call 305-242-7688 to register. Meet at the Nature Center at Bill Sadowski Park, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami.

#### **Lignum Vitae Key Canoe Tour**

8 a.m.-6 p.m. \$45. Enjoy an adventurous canoe tour of the 280-acre tropical island and botanical state park, Lignum Vitae Key. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at the A.D. Barnes Sense of Wonder Nature Center, 3401 SW 72 Avenue, Miami.

#### **Bill Sadowski Park Canoe Workshop**

4-7 p.m. \$20; \$15 children ages 7-14. Also, September 23. This workshop will teach you the fundamentals of canoeing and covers basic strokes, steering, and safety skills to handle a canoe. Call 305-255-4767 to register. Meet at the Bill Sadowski Park Nature Center, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami.

#### **Sunday, 10**

##### **Sundays 'til Sundown**

4 p.m.-sundown. Every second Sunday. Come relax, listen to live music and learn something new about nature. Call 305-361-6767 for more information. Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

#### **Wednesday, 13**

##### **Arch Creek Ghost Tours**

7-8:30 p.m. \$5. Also, September 27. Take a night tour of Arch Creek Park and learn about its spooky past. Hear personal accounts of ghostly encounters that have occurred since the late 1800s and maybe have an encounter of your own. Call 305-944-6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

#### **Friday, 15**

##### **Greynolds Park Bat Program & Nite Hike**

7:30 p.m. \$5. Learn about these fascinating creatures and discover why they are so beneficial to us, followed by a night hike through the park in search of these mysterious mammals and other nocturnal creatures. Call 305-948-2891 for reservations. Meet at the Boathouse at Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, N. Miami Beach.

#### **Saturday, 16**

##### **Los Brincos in Concert**

8 p.m. \$55, \$45 & \$35. Spanish rock recording artists in concert. Miami-Dade County Auditorium, 2901 West Flagler St., Miami, 305-547-5414, ext. 0

##### **International Aroid Show and Sale**

9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$20 adults; \$15 seniors; \$10 ages 5-17. Thru Sunday. Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, 10901 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables, 305-667-1651

##### **The Railroad that Crossed the Ocean**

2 p.m. Free with paid park admission: \$5 adults; \$3 children. Enjoy the lecture, "The Railroad that Crossed the Ocean" by Les Standiford, author of "Last Train to Paradise and Havana Run." Gold Coast Railroad Museum, 12450 SW 152 St., Miami, 305-253-0063, [www.goldcoast-railroad.org](http://www.goldcoast-railroad.org)

##### **Family Fun Day**

1-3 p.m. \$5. Bring the family for a fun-filled afternoon nature adventure, archaeological digs, pottery making and learn about plants and animals on a guided trail walk. Call 305-944-6111 for reservations. Arch Creek Park Museum, 1855 NE 135 St., N. Miami

##### **Matheson Hammock Tequesta Canoe Trail Tour**

9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$30. A guided canoe adventure examining the marine plants and animals that inhabits the rich environment from Matheson Hammock Park to the headwaters of the Coral

Cables Waterway. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at the A.D. Barnes Sense of Wonder Nature Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

### **Sunday, 17**

#### **East Greynolds Oleta River Kayak Tour**

10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$25. Catch a view of many wading birds and mammals in their natural habitats and visit an undisturbed Tequesta Indian midden. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at East Greynolds Park, NE 167 St. and Biscayne Blvd., N. Miami Beach.

### **Wednesday, 20**

#### **The History & Secret Stories of the Ferdinand Magellan**

6 p.m. \$5. Enjoy the lecture, "The History & Secret Stories of the Ferdinand Magellan" and book signing by Bob Withers, author of "The President Travels by Train." Gold Coast Railroad Museum, 12450 SW 152 St., Miami, 305-253-0063, [www.goldcoast-railroad.org](http://www.goldcoast-railroad.org)

### **Saturday, 23**

#### **Indian Key Kayak & Snorkel Tour**

7 a.m.-7 p.m. \$45. Explore the colorful tropical fish, spotted eagle rays, cushion stars, herons and other animals that share the fragile and unique sanctuary of the Fossilized Reef. Call 305-365-3018 for reservations. Meet at the A.D. Barnes Sense of Wonder Nature Center, 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami.

#### **Architecture Tour**

2-3:30 p.m. Free with paid park admission: \$7 adults; \$5 children. Discover all the architectural features this historic park has to offer by exploring the magnificent Stone House and the picturesque Richmond Cottage. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami, 305-235-1668, ext. 242